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FIBER PLANTS—II



THE CABBAGE PALMETTO PALM IN FLORIDA

A very stiff brown brush fiber is prepared from the central bud of this palm

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AN ISTLE-FIBER PLANT

A yellowish-white brush fiber is obtained from the leaves of the plant seen directly behind the stick held by the collector. The plant is found in Mexico and in the southwestern part of the United States

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THE TREE BEARD ON AN OAK TREE

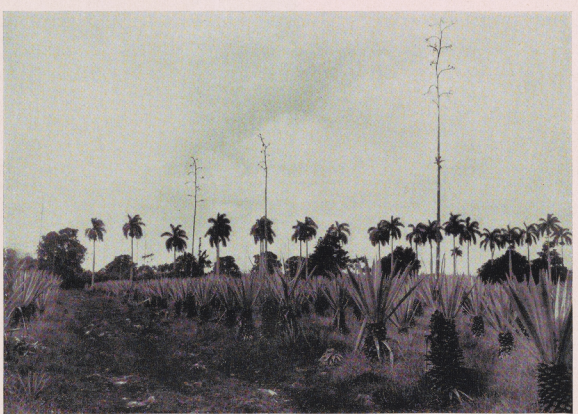
The plant known as tree beard, black, Spanish, or southern moss produces a fiber used as a filler by upholsterers



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RAMIE PLANTS

A very strong fiber with silklike luster is obtained from the ramie stems. First crop, in background; second crop, after cutting, in foreground



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HENEQUEN FIELD OF 14-YEAR-OLD PLANTS IN CUBA

Showing how lower leaves have been removed for fiber and a few flower stalks. Fiber produced is similar to sisal and used for binder twine and cordage.



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PREPARING ABACÁ FIBER

The abacá plant at left; "luxing," stripping, and drying abacá. The fiber is used for the best marine ropes and cordage. (Photograph by Philippine Bureau of Agriculture)

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